

THEY ALL DO GOOD

Dr. Fair's Annual Sermon to Beneficiary Orders.

REASONS FOR HIS DEVOTION

A Large Number of the Orders Present. A Collection Taken for Unfortunate Members' Dues.

About three-fourths of the seating capacity of St. Mark's church was occupied last night by members of fraternal and beneficiary organizations, who had gathered by invitation of the Rev. Dr. Campbell Fair on the occasion of his annual sermon delivered especially for the members of these societies. The following organizations were represented: Ancient Order of United Workmen, Royal Arcanum, Independent Order of Foresters, Knights of the Macabees, Order of Chosen Friends, Knights of the Golden Eagle, National Union, United Friends, Equitable Aid Union, Royal Templars, National Odd Fellows, National League, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias and the Independent Order of Red Men.

Special music for the occasion was selected and sweetly rendered by the choir. The vested choir sang "O Lord, Christian Soldier," and "My Country, 'Tis of Thee." The soloists were Mrs. E. D. Davis sang a duet, "Come Unto Him," and the soloist, "Benediction," was rendered by a full chorus.

The sermon was not founded on a scriptural text, but at the conclusion Mr. Fair read the eighth verse of the fifth chapter of St. Paul's first epistle to Timothy: "Every man who provides for his own household is well as the Lord." "Every man who provides for his own household is well as the Lord."

The Rev. Dr. Fair in introducing his address said he had three reasons for his address and love for beneficiary orders and he gave them in a clear and forcible manner. His first reason given was that the orders of that character provide a man with money when he needs it most. The benefits derived from a pecuniary standpoint have a great influence in their favor.

Moral, Christian and Elevating. These orders support a man when he is prostrated with sickness, but this assistance is not given on the principle of pauperism or charity; it comes by contract. They help a man to secure an opportunity for entering into business by giving him money to invest. They help a man in his old age and make the death bed easy by supplying the wants of his family.

His second reason was that these societies provide real friends and beguile time. They permit no stranger within their lodge, create a social life that extends to families and acts as a social cement. They are full of devotion and attention to widows and orphans.

The third reason for his affection was that these societies provide sound and pure morality. They have a moral and elevating influence and no immoral person can gain admittance to the orders. The lodge is a grand teacher of morality in a community.

The fourth reason was that these organizations give their members the largest and widest scope for charity. A person's membership puts him in a position to give aid with the confidence that they will be worthily bestowed.

Lodges cannot in any way, north or south, in giving assistance to their brethren in times of disaster.

The fifth and last reason was that lodges of a beneficiary character provide a foundation for the Christian religion. An altar is placed in the center of each lodge room in plain sight of every member and the obligation for membership is taken with one hand on the open bible. Every lodge has its prelate, chaplain or leader of devotional exercises.

At the close of the sermon a collection was taken for Mr. Fair's fund for keeping up dues of persons who are unable to pay them during the year. Last year he paid the dues of eight persons who by misfortune were in danger of losing their membership in some beneficiary order.

Guns Still at Large.

Nearly a year ago Dr. Gunn was arrested for felonious assault on a little girl. He was convicted in police court and was fined \$100, but appeared to the circuit court. W. T. Powers, in whose block Gunn had his office, went on his bonds, but the case was dragged and nothing is being done. The criminal who is at large is a man who may safely skip the town and feel that his bondsman will not be called to account for him. There are hundreds of cases on record in the courts of this city where men have jumped their bail and the bondsmen have never been called to account.

Small Blaze in Tobacco.

Fire was discovered in the confectionery and tobacco store of William Alger at No. 772 North Division street last evening, and an alarm was turned in from box 302 at 8:44. It was soon extinguished and the damage to the stock and building will not exceed \$15. The building is owned by Schering Bros.

They Drove the Toll.

Detectives Smith and Barr arrested Julius Smith and Ed Griffin last evening on suspicion of larceny, and they

Nothing to Be Desired

Every Flavor made by Dr. Price has the peculiar taste characteristic of the fruit from which it is obtained, and imparts to cakes, puddings, sauces or creams such a delicious and grateful flavor that their use really leaves nothing to be desired. We have yet to see the housewife who has used Dr. Price's Delicious Flavoring Extracts of Lemon, Orange, Nectarine or Vanilla, who was not delighted with them. The PURITY OF DR. PRICE'S FLAVORS is endorsed by the leading chemists and heads of the great universities of this continent.

were locked up at police headquarters for investigation. The boys were locked around Cal Oursler's news and tobacco store at No. 233 South Division street yesterday afternoon, and as accused them of having stolen between \$5 and \$7 from the till about 4 o'clock.

City News in Brief.

Eddy Messer, a bellboy at the New Livingston, will be examined in the police court this morning on a charge of larceny. He was taken to the police station Saturday night by Detectives last and Jackson, where he confessed that he had taken 50 cents from the pocket of an overcoat in the cloak room.

Mrs. Denton of the reference library reports having had \$17.50 stolen from her hand-bag in the library last Friday evening. Several men and boys and two women were in the room in the evening but she has no idea who took the money.

Local members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians are making preparations for a grand celebration of St. Patrick's day. A street parade will be held in the afternoon, and W. J. Quohan will deliver an address at the evening exercises.

Pearl, the 5-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Hendrick of No. 435 North Loomis street, died at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon of diphtheria. The funeral will be held at the residence at 10 o'clock this morning.

C. A. Wurzburg, George W. Thompson, Alderman James Henry F. Smith, the local delegate to the National Democratic convention, and among the enthusiastic local democrats that will attend the inauguration of President-elect Cleveland.

William F. Parish, John G. Schatz, Thomas Walsh, Fred E. Cross, Maurice Shanahan, J. H. Case and C. R. Burt are the local delegates to the Grand Lodge today to attend the Grand lodge meeting.

The United States revenue officers say they have no complaint to make against the proprietor of the Bonivard and that the report in the Democrat to that effect is not true.

A burning chimney on the residence of William Canton, at No. 225 Dale avenue, caused an alarm to be turned in from box 32 at 1:37 yesterday afternoon. No damage.

Hansen, Hayden, & Owen are pushing the work on the settling basin at the pumping station notwithstanding the weather.

At the meeting of the ministers' conference today the Rev. Dr. Sanford H. Cobb will discuss "Church and State in This Country."

Tonight the East Side and West Side Oratorio societies will hold a joint concert in the chapel of the West Michigan college.

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The East Grand Rapids Improvement company is erecting several cottages on its addition just east of the city.

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TWAS A COLD DAY

But the Street Railway Company Did Business

UNDER GREAT DIFFICULTIES

The Last and Worst Storm of the Season Almost Caused a Suspension of Traffic.

Old horses snuffed boots and saddle at an early hour yesterday morning and he and his host groined up their joints and prepared for a final charge. It was the effort of the season and came very near overpowering the street cars, against whom he has struggled for the past three months. He picked up the latest fall of snow and at times seemed to have it all in the air at once. He whirled it high up above the chimney and howled in savage gloom as he dropped heavy drifts of the flying flakes on the tracks of the Street Railway company and the various steam railways, or heaped about four feet of the "beautiful" directly in front of someone's front door.

The weather reports from Washington said: "Generally fair; westerly winds; warmer." There was not a word of truth in the report. Old Sol tried his best to shine and succeeded for a portion of the time though, the snow fell so fast that the sun's rays were dimmed. Street cars moved only when two or three motors were placed behind the sweepers and the great revolving brushes threw back at Old B the drifts he had heaped in the way.

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The north and south lines were fairly free from drifts, but the Cherry street and Wealthy avenue lines required the constant presence of the sweepers.

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ALLIGATOR SHOOTING.

An Exciting Sport Which Is Pursued in Darkness.

Mr. Kirk Munroe describes in the Cosmopolitan a canoe trip in company with two young Seminole Indians, Minnoch and Kowika, who were engaged in their regular occupation of hunting alligators for their hides. The canoe was a dugout, made by Minnoch himself out of a huge cypress log. The trio made camp late in the afternoon, and after awhile Mr. Munroe discovered what he had not before suspected—that the hunting was to be done at night.

Darkness had barely fallen before the howling of alligators was heard—a sound much like the roar of an angry bull. Minnoch listened with evident

attraction. "Alligator plenty. He catch 'em, I hear."

We had killed five of the monsters when we turned our prime up. Minnoch wielded his push pole from the stern, Kowika sat in the middle of the canoe, while I, with jack light on my head and rifle in hand, occupied the position of honor in the bow.

The alligators had ceased their utterings and I had begun to think that as I had killed or frightened them all. Just then I was startled by a slight motion on the bank but a few yards away. At the same instant two coils of fire gleamed through the darkness. What could they be? I was about to speak, when a sharp "hiss" from behind told me that the moment for action had come. Taking a hasty aim at one of the lurid coils, I fired.

The report of the rifle was followed by such a wild rush into the water, such whirling and splashing, such showers of spray and bloody foam that it was a small miracle had been dropped from the heavens into that quiet spot. Little Kowika screamed in his excitement, but Minnoch only expressed his displeasure at my bad shot by muttering: "Ho-le-wagust! Heep bad!"

VETERANS PASSING AWAY.

In Forty Years There Will Be Few Survivors of the Civil War.

Interesting in connection with the department encampment is the report of the medical director, Dr. J. R. Hayes, in part as follows, says the Washington Post:

"Our annual death rate equals 2.75 percent of the whole number in the Grand Army Republic in this department. This is equivalent to death rate of twenty-seven in a thousand, a larger death rate than usually pertains to any given number of people. Our band of nearly 4,000 is being rapidly mustered out, and if we apply the simple rules of arithmetic, and provide that we recruit no more in the year 1900 not one of our 4,000 would be alive to tell the story of the past."

"We are dying faster than any other class of our population, because out of the 4,000 in our organization more than one-half are daily suffering from loss of limbs, from wounds, injuries and disabilities contracted during the war. Results of prison life and the exposure and privation incident thereto now cause more suffering than the bullet. Loss of a limb shortens the life, but the rheumatism and scurvy contracted in prison also yearly call for their premature victims. Premature aging of all the organs, diminished vital resistance to all disturbing causes, and more especially diseases of the heart, now so alarming, are present with many surviving veterans, and mainly due to the rheumatism and scurvy of prison life."

"I have never seen a survivor from the prison at Andersonville, Ga., that did not have disease of heart in some form or other. So, taking our little band of 4,000 to-day, in about forty years all who have lost limbs or been seriously wounded or suffered the hardships and horrors of prison life will have passed away."

ESQUIMAUX IN SUMMER.

What Will Be Done to Keep Them Clean and Healthy.

Considerable anxiety is expressed by exposition officials concerning the effect the Esquimaux village at the world's fair will have on the reputation of Jackson park as a health resort.

The entire park has been covered and its sanitary conditions rendered as nearly perfect as possible. The village, however, has been located in the one corner most affected by every unfavorable feature. A part of the space assigned to it is occupied by a sheet of water that is generally stagnant in spite of all endeavors to keep it pure.

The Esquimaux themselves, says the Chicago Inter Ocean, are not the cleanest people in the world and unless they are very closely watched they are liable to assume a condition not pleasing to the fastidious. They delight to daub themselves with oil, which often becomes rancid and very offensive. The attempt to reproduce the conditions that surround these peculiar people in their native land induced the company owning the concession to erect huts that are impossible to ventilate.

Then, too, there are the hounds maintained in the village. These animals are neither beautiful nor clean, and unless given better quarters than they now occupy will prove a nuisance.

Even now the atmosphere that surrounds the village is not too sweet. When the hot days of July arrive it will be difficult to keep it from giving offense. Should an epidemic break out in the village it will, at least, give the officials a good scare, and prove more serious to the Esquimaux themselves.

Those who are in charge of the village, however, declare that they can keep it as clean and healthy as any other portion of Jackson park. They guarantee their wards to breed neither the cholera nor the smallpox. At present the attendance at the village is quite liberal.

SOME SUBJECTS FOR DEBATE.

English University Students Discussing a Curious Variety of Questions.

The college debating societies at Cambridge, England, seem to discuss a curious variety of questions. A recent list of motions, as given by the Toronto Mail, includes the following oddities: At Chicago, "The Robinson ought not to have been frightened at

the footprint in the sand," which carried a great variety of opinions, and ultimately was lost by twenty-six, and against 15 aye, eight auditors remaining undecided. At Jesus, the still more startling proposition was moved, "That radicalism spells ruin," which was, of course, carried by a large majority. At Queen's a disagreement of "Woman's supremacy" upon man's dominion was carried by nineteen to thirteen. And at St. John's the heresy, "That university education undoes a man for practical life," was rejected by twenty-six against six. At King's the society found themselves equally divided as to the truth of the assertion, "That art had ceased to exist." At Trinity hall it was decided "That political prisoners should wear the prison dress." At Pembroke a resolution, "That personal liberty is too much restricted in this university," was singularly rejected. Sydney college voted, by a large majority, "That the learned professions are not yet played out," and Cambridge, also, by a large majority, approved Lord Tennyson's doctrine, "That to have loved and lost is better than never to have loved at all." Ayer hall refused to condemn theaters, and Selwyn voted "That war is necessary to the welfare of a nation."

A Quaker Railway Rule.

In Norway there is a premium on marriage by giving married people a discount. Thus a man and his wife can travel for a fare and a half, a schedule of rates much more satisfying to everyone than "children half price," and much more reasonable. It is suggested that this privilege be liable to abuse. A prudent man might prolong his courtship indefinitely at reduced rates. This, however, could be easily prevented by obliging married people to carry their certificates about with them, as they could easily do, in red morocco cases, like commutation tickets on railroads.

Spring Gowns for a Dime.

"It's foolish to spend so much every year for new clothes," said a druggist. "My wife needs diamond dyes, and in that way cuts the clothing bill down one-half. They make such handsome, unending colors that I guarantee every package I sell to give satisfaction in directions are followed, which is something I was never able to do with other dyes."

MARY E. Lease, the Kansas populist, will speak at Hartman's Hall, Feb. 27. Tickets—floor, 25c; gallery, 50c.

The Grand River Lodge No. 34 will confer the third degree on two candidates, next Wednesday, February 22. Work will begin at 6 o'clock and light refreshments will be served at mid-night.

Commencing with Monday morning Julius A. J. Friedrich, 39 and 32 Canal street, will close out his stock of American guitars. He has an over-abundance. Look at Tuesday's papers for prices.

Dettenthaler is headquarters for fish, game, poultry, etc. Give him a call.

Travis gives some great bargains in new and second-hand goods.

Going to Buy a Watch?

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